



# Housing Act 1974

## 1974 CHAPTER 44

### PART VII

#### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TOWARDS WORKS OF IMPROVEMENT, REPAIR AND CONVERSION

##### *Contributions*

#### **84 Interpretation of Part VII**

In this Part of this Act—

" agricultural population " means—

- (a) persons whose employment or latest employment is or was employment in agriculture or in an industry mainly dependent on agriculture, and
- (b) the dependants of such persons, and for this purpose "agriculture" includes dairy-farming and poultry-farming and the use of land as grazing, meadow or pasture land, or orchard or osier land or woodland, or for market gardens or nursery grounds;

" appropriate percentage " has the meaning assigned to it by section 59 above ;

" certificate of owner-occupation " and " certificate of availability for letting " have the meanings assigned to them by section 60 above ;

" certified date " has the meaning assigned to it by section 75(6) above;

" charity " and " charity trustees " have the same meanings as in the Charities Act 1960 ;

" grant " means a grant of a description specified in section 56(2) above;

" housing authority " means a local authority, the council of a county, the Greater London Council, the Commission for the New Towns or a redevelopment corporation within the meaning of the New Towns Act 1965 ;

" improvement " includes alteration and enlargement, and any reference to works required for the provision or improvement of a dwelling (whether generally or in any particular respect) includes a reference to any works of repair or replacement needed (in the opinion of the person paying any

---

*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.*

---

grant or contribution) for the purpose of enabling the dwelling to which the improvement relates to attain the relevant standard;

" let " includes " sub-let" ;

" local authority ",—

(a) in relation to premises in a general improvement area or a housing action area, means the council by whom the area was declared to be such an area; and

(b) in relation to any other premises, means the council of a district or London borough or the Common Council of the City of London;

" owner ", in relation to a dwelling, means the person who—

(a) is for the time being entitled to receive from a lessee of the dwelling, or would be so entitled if the dwelling were let, a rent of not less than two-thirds of the net annual value of the dwelling; and

(b) is himself not liable, as a lessee of, or of any property which includes, the dwelling, to pay to a superior landlord a rent of not less than two-thirds of the net annual value of the property of which he is such a lessee;

" prescribed " means prescribed by order made by the Secretary of State;

" the relevant standard " means—

(a) in relation to an improvement grant, the required standard referred to in section 61 above;

(b) in relation to an intermediate grant, the full standard or, as the case may require, the reduced standard referred to in section 66 above; and

(c) in relation to a repairs grant, the relevant standard of repair referred to in section 71 above ;

" the relevant works " has the meaning assigned to it by section 57(2)(b) above ;

" standard amenities " has the meaning assigned to it by section 58 above.